

REMARKS

These Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed May 11,2006. Claim 19 has been canceled, such that claims 1-18 remain pending. All claims are provided above for the Examiner's convenience.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,381,290 to Cheng (hereinafter "Cheng").

Claim 19 has been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 1-18 are allowed. Because all pending claims are allowed, prompt issuance of claims 1-18 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

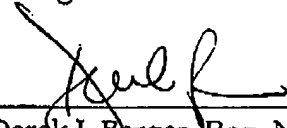
For these reasons, Applicant respectfully asserts that present claims particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which is regarded as the invention. In addition, the present invention as claimed is not taught by the prior art of record or any combination thereof. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and favorable action with respect to the present application is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner is not satisfied, but minor changes would apparently put the present case in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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